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Repair or upgrade of on-site sewage system at Vashon-Maury Island Marine Re: Recovery Area property located at Vashon, WA 98070

Parcel No.

Dear Mr. / Ms. PROPERTY OWNER:

The purpose of this letter is twofold: to acknowledge the steps you have taken to help improve water quality and protection of public health and shellfish harvest areas in the Vashon-Maury Island Marine Recovery Area, and to encourage you to complete the process of repairing or upgrading the on-site sewage system ("OSS") at your above-referenced property. We appreciate your ongoing efforts as we approach the July 1, 2012 target date established under state's Marine Recovery Area law (Chapter 70.118A RCW) for on-site sewage systems in Marine Recovery Areas to be identified and failing systems to be repaired.

Our records indicate that you have retained a licensed on-site sewage system ("OSS") designer or professional engineer to prepare and submit, for Public Health review and approval, a site design application to repair or upgrade the OSS at your above-referenced property, or that an application has already been submitted and approved. Thank you for completing this important step.

We are reminding Marine Recovery Area property owners that the Marine Recovery Area law requires Public Health by July 1, 2012 to identify existing failing on-site sewage systems and ensure that owners make necessary repairs. Owners of failing systems who do not have their systems lawfully repaired or upgraded will be subject to Notice and Orders that establish repair completion deadlines and civil penalty fines for noncompliance.

If you already have an approved and unexpired site design application on file with Public Health, please be sure to retain the services of a King County licensed OSS master installer at your earliest opportunity to obtain an installation permit and perform the repair or upgrade work according to the approved design. In addition, have your installer contact any of the Public Health staff listed below no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 2, 2012, with the installer's expected date for completing the repair or upgrade work at the earliest opportunity under favorable weather and soil conditions if the expected installation date is later than July 2, 2012. (Written Public Health approval will be required for completing repair or upgrade work after July 2, 2012.)

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For a list of King County licensed OSS master installers, please see Public Health's website at http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/wastewater/pros/list.aspx and click the Master Installer link.

If you have any questions or concerns about your septic system, including the design review process and the steps for having a failing system repaired or upgraded, please contact any of the following Public Health staff:

Jarone Baker, Health and Environmental Investigator (206) 296-9738

Greg Bishop, Supervisor, Wastewater Program (206) 296-9753

Larry Fay, Manager, Community Environmental Health (206) 296-9733

Again, thank you for the work you have undertaken to meet the Marine Recovery Area law's requirements, and for your ongoing efforts to see that work through to completion. In so doing, you are joining Public Health, your neighbors, and the Vashon-Maury Island community to protect important environmental, cultural, and public health resources in our region.

Your questions and comments are welcome; please feel free to contact me at 206-296-9733 or larry.fay@kingcounty.gov, or any of the other staff listed above.

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Section Manager, Community Environmental Health

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